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Every year, we list the cities celebrating the festival of the nine nights. But this season, large-scale Navratri activities have been paused. Though there will be no fervor and pomp associated with garba and raas in October, we wish all our readers a Happy Navratri 2021. Hope you find ways to celebrate the festival with loved ones and friends and things return to normal soon.

CELEBRATE FESTIVALS WITH LATEST STYLES!

By KIRAN BAHL



Festival season is here and October is a month full of celebrations! Navratri, Dussehra and Karva Chauth are happy and fun, full of joy. Celebrate each occasion, each day, each moment with love and laughter. Good fashion is the icing on it all; let us take a look at what's trending!

NAVRATRI – OF SHORT AND PEPLUM TOPS

I'm loving the revival of the 1970s and 1990s Indian pantsuits. Full and wide palazzo and sharara sets are trending high. Tiered and ruffled looks are definitely fancier and all bottoms are displaying some variety of metallic threadwork, embroidery or sequins and stones. Dupattas are the same but the tops are what's most fun.

Tops are short, crop tops really, also keeping in alignment with garba chaniya choli ensembles. A cute version is the peplum top where a crop top extends into a flowy section attached to the waistline. The latest looks feature a longer section added, that too tiered and ruffled. Absolutely adorable with pants and skirts alike.

Many fear the look of shorter tops with pantsuits, as the hips and your behind are no longer as covered. Just remember to wear the longer top styles, it'll be more flattering for every body type.

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SWAMI MUKUNDANANDA CONDUCTS LIFE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM IN TAMPA

Swami Mukundananda graced Tampa devotees with his presence from Aug. 23-25 by conducting the Life Transformation Program at the Hindu Temple of Florida. Swami Mukundananda is a world-renowned authority on mind management, a bestselling author, and a Vedic scholar. This year, the topic of series was, "Science of Mind Management." Swamiji is the founder of JKYog – a non-profit charitable organization established for the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of all humankind.

The program started in the evening with the yoga session. Seniors, adults and children followed as Swamiji explained various yoga postures along with their health benefits. The Yoga and Meditation session was followed by a discourse on mind management.

In his discourses, the deepest knowledge of the scriptures was presented in a simple way. He weaved the ancient wisdom into the latest examples of the modern-day world from far East and West, full of mysticism and information.

There was ample opportunity to interact with Swamiji during dinner and during the morning walks. Hundreds of Tampa residents benefited from the program.

Along with these charismatic, energetic and life changing programs, JKYog offers series of online courses and activities for adults, kids, and youth. Millions of people from around the world during the pandemic have turned to JKYog online programs (www.jkyog.org) for health, yoga, spiritual and mental wellness. There are Satsang centers in all major cities in the U.S., including Tampa.



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OCT. 15: DUSSEHRA

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OCT. 2: "JA LAM;" Yamunashtakam (stories of Yamuna river) presented by Rudram Dance Company, and "Through the Fish Eyes" by Prakriti Dance; 6:30 p.m.; \$14.99; University of South Florida, School of Dance, Theater 1, 3839 USF Holly Drive, Tampa; for information, email rudramdancecompany@gmail.com

OCT. 15-17; DURGA PUJA; organized by SOIKOT (Bengali Association of Greater Tampa Bay); India Cultural Center, 5511 Lynn Road, Tampa; for details, e-mail Soikot_florida@yahoo.com or visit www.soikot.org

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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – XVII GETTING CLOSER TO THE END GAME?

By M.P. RAVINDRA NATHAN, M.D., FACC



As we get closer to two years since the arrival of Covid-19 in American soil, all of us have only one question in mind: Is this pandemic going to end sometime and if so, when? Sadly, none of us know the answer. With free availability of vaccines, well-established vaccination programs and continued observation of safety protocols, we thought the pandemic would be declining by this time. But with persistent vaccine hesitancy among the public and arrival of new virus variants along with a section of rebellious population not observing mitigation measures, the possibility of herd immunity appears to

be elusive and COVID continues to rage in all states. CDC estimates that the current situation is likely to continue and may slowly abate perhaps towards the end of 2022. Hopefully, by that time majority of the country will be vaccinated.

Now let us look at the potential Covid-19 endgame scenarios. According to one great physician/scientist Dr. Eli Adashi, professor of Medical Sciences at Brown University, this would include four possibilities: "Eradication, Elimination, Cohabitation, or Conflagration." Eradication of the virus from the face of earth, the best option, is almost impossible although we have eliminated small pox and polio before. Elimination from specific regions is a good possibility, but for this to occur there has to be a global strategy with all nations working together. And we need to embrace the spectrum of prevention, prompt detection, quarantine and treatment protocols.

The first step is to get everybody vaccinated. My wife and I got the booster dose recently and so did many I know, especially the ones with weak immune system or chronic diseases. Hopefully, the booster controversy will subside soon. And with the mitigation measures continued for some more time, this would lead to containment of the infection. As we go back from mitigation to containment, everyone is anxious to get back to business as usual. But I'm not sure we'll ever get back to business as before in the near future. The whole concept of promoting good health practices will have to continue even after the pandemic has started declining significantly. And many feel that our prevention activities have not been as robust as the recommended models

suggested that would lead to a decrease in the rate of infections and deaths. This is why the disease still continues to rage in many states and death rate hasn't fallen significantly.

We also need a smart quarantine system so we can isolate the asymptomatic carriers or "superspreaders" and make at least some sections of the society Covid-19 free. For this, we need high precision, easily available testing methods and sincere cooperation of the public. "At present, less than 10 percent of the needed 20 million tests a day in the United States are being done. And the testing that's being done today provides only a simple yes-or-no answers and has variable quality," as per one source.

The next scenario is living with the virus or Cohabitation. This means the virus will become endemic just like the seasonal flu and we must figure out a way to keep the disease at bay by taking suitable precautions – annual Covid-19 vaccine shots like the flu shots, treat those who become infected quickly and efficiently and minimize death even in severe cases. Some of the current antiviral treatments like remdesvir and monoclonal antibodies are reasonably effective. Countries like Israel and New Zealand have done well in controlling the pandemic and Japan has adapted to the virus reasonably fine by strictly adhering to all precautions. So, cohabitation is the most likely realistic scenario in the near future. The last prospect is Conflagration, a fancy term, that means outright fighting – effectively, a war between us, the humans and a merciless assassin, the virus. This cannot go on for long since the virus is evolving and mutating constantly and one day a so-called 'doomsday variant' could appear; a terrifying possibility. Thus, we have no choice other than finding a proper cure or at least a viable solution.

So, what's the final answer? Get as many people vaccinated; it doesn't have to be 100 percent. With herd immunity established, the infection can't jump from person to person and eventually the virus will subside or lay dormant and we can go on with our normal activities while continuing to observe all precautions.

To be continued ...

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JYOTSNA PATEL OF TAMPA SELECTED FOR CRICKET HALL OF FAME

Jyotsna Patel has been nominated for induction into the Cricket Hall of Fame. The Tampa resident will receive the honor Oct. 2 in Fort Lauderdale. Each year, the Cricket Hall of Fame honors individuals, both local and international, for their outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the game by inducting them into the prestigious institution.

The Cricket Hall of Fame, the first of its kind in the world, was established in 1981. Since its inception, several former cricket stars, including Sir Garfield Sobers, Sir Vivian Richards, Dr. Michael Holding, Sunil Gavaskar and Hanif Mohammad have been inducted.

Patel is an avid cricket enthusiast passionate about promoting cricket among girls and women in the USA. She has crafted and nurtured her love of cricket for more than three decades representing several first-class India teams. Her

experience as a cricketer includes playing at the national level with India women's national cricket team from 1974-1978 and representing India against Australia, New Zealand and the West Indies. The right-handed batswoman also captained the Madhya Pradesh state and Central Zone women's cricket teams during that period.

The children and women's cricket coach for the Tampa Cricket League, she is also the vice-captain and player for the Tampa Sunrisers women's cricket team.

Among her many achievements include lifetime memberships of Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA) in Indore and the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA) of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Professionally, she is a Senior Associate at World Financial Group in Tampa since 2014.



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DUSSEHRA – NECKLACES ARE SCREAMING A STATEMENT

Yes, the key piece of jewelry necessary this season is the statement necklace. Sabyasachi, Vastra and Tarun Tahiliani collections are featuring thick, full neck pieces, mostly choker style, some with wide stone dangling extensions. Coordinating earrings are small to medium sized to keep proportion and balance to the face. A definite Dussehra celebration fashion accessory!

A bolder vibe could be to wear the necklace and leave the earrings out. Then opt for a big tikka/headpiece. Elegance personified!

KARVA CHAETH – RED IS ATTRACTING

Karva Chauth is toward the end of the month, so runways and look books are already on 'red alert'. From Anita Dongre to Ridhi Mehra, and Tarun Tahiliani to Manish Malhotra, the color of the season is now officially this bright and beautiful hue.

The color red is a little tricky for some to wear. It seems bolder and more confident, a color that alone has you standing out amongst the crowd. But then embellished with embroidery, sequins and appliques? Will it all be too much you're thinking? Not when worn using these simple tips. You'll look drop "red" gorgeous!

Wear an all red lengha with self-embossed work. It'll look subtle without the extra shine and you can wear it from engagement function to Diwali party with ease. Not feeling so brave wearing the color head to toe? Have your dupatta a lighter, paler shade such as a baby pink or peach orange to tone down the bright shade. Keep hair and makeup minimal too for a clean look.

Wear a red sari with contrasting choli. Jewel tones such as sapphire blues, emerald greens and citrine yellows will pop as a pairing with the sari and keep the look whimsical. If you want to tone it down a little, keep the choli in a neutral or

brushed metallic shade. The look will blend in a little softer.

Want to wear this most wanted hue at an Indian wedding? Don't. The bride will most likely (and hopefully) wear this color of attraction and tradition. Do not choose to have her see red and not just wear it!

Happy holiday season. Dressing festive isn't and shouldn't be a chore – it should be a show off moment of your culture. And we're so lucky our ethnic wear is coveted by so many. Wearing such beautiful ensembles will have you looking and feeling just as beautiful. This good energy will carry through you and then to all you further meet. That's what the holidays are all about right? Share and spread the love and light, and as always, remember to 'gro' with style!

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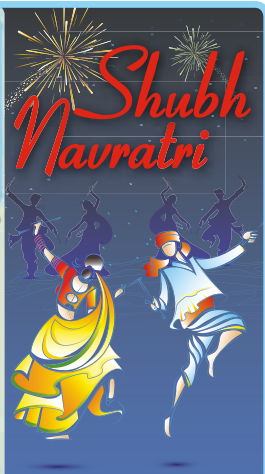
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VOLVO XC90 PLUG-IN HYBRID PERFECT BLEND OF POWER, CLASS

Test-drive stories by NITISH S. RELE motoringtampabay@gmail.com

Recharge. That's the new name for the Volvo XC90 T8 plug-in hybrid model we drove last year. Otherwise, the 2021 XC90 Inscription stays mostly as is with some add-ons to standard features such as adaptive headlamps, front parking sensors and slight interior modifications. Nevertheless, it is an incredible ride for a potential six- or seven-passenger luxury SUV buyer.

Under the hood sits a 2.0-liter inline-4 turbocharged and supercharged engine, which cranks out an enormous 400 horsepower @ 6000 rpm and 472 pounds-feet of torque @ 5400 rpm. A rear electric motor and a center-mounted 11.6 kWh lithium-ion battery can take the midsize luxury crossover SUV nearly 18 miles before the gasoline engine kicks in. The 8-speed auto gearbox in our all-wheel-drive vehicle is sprightly in any untoward situation. And the start-stop feature (auto engine stop when the vehicle halts) ensures substantial savings in fuel and weight.

The stunning crossover shows off bright chromed bars in the grille with the familiar Volvo iron mark, flanked by LED headlights and Thor's hammer-like daytime running lights. The substantial cabin conveys an upscale aura with a 12.3-inch instrument panel decked in shimmer graphite aluminum inlays. Adult passengers have ample space for leg and shoulder room in the two rear seats. Volvo Sensus infotainment, with a distinct vertical 9-inch display touch screen, is essentially made up of four tiles: navigation, media, phone and user-defined.

XC90 T8 (INSCRIPTION)
Tires: 275/45R20
Wheelbase: 117.5 inches
Length: 195 inches
Width: 84.3 inches
Height: 84.5 inches
Suspension: double wishbone front, integral axle rear
Steering: electric power rack and pinion
Drive modes: comfort, eco, dynamic, off-road, individual
Fuel capacity: 18.5 gallons
Mileage: 27 mpg combined
Base price: \$69,750
Price as tested: \$79,990
Web site: www.volvo.com



Activate one and watch it expand while keeping the other tiles visible for future use. The tailored wool blend upholstery is a nice touch from the typical leather in most luxury vehicles. Standard amenities include two-zone auto a/c, 10-way power front seats, leather tilt/telescopic steering wheel, panoramic moon roof, aluminum cargo scuff plate and hands-free power tail gate.

The Chinese-owned but Swedish-made car company is renowned for safety. Continuing the tradition, the XC60 gets dual front and side airbags, side curtain airbag, driver knee airbag, lane departure/keep aid, blind spot information, cross traffic

alert, rear park assist and sensors, adaptive cruise control, four-wheel antilock brakes, three-point seatbelts for all, side impact protection, dynamic stability and traction control, City Safety (brakes automatically to help prevent a rear-end collision) also gets steer assist, tire pressure monitoring system and daytime running lights.

The nearly 5,000-pound XC90 is amazingly quick off the mark, supple in traffic and a dream to drive whether you are off-road or on bustling city streets. Truly, it is a remarkable mix of style and performance.

LEXUS ES300h SEDAN GOES THE DISTANCE ... AND IT'S FAR!

42.2 mpg. Those were our average figures for combined driving (EPA estimates are 43 mpg city, 44 highway). So, we aren't complaining. After all, the Lexus ES300h has brought smiles to numerous owners while filling 'er up at the gas station over the years. Who wouldn't be happy going over 500 miles before having to make a pit stop?

While maintaining its status quo for 2021, the midsize luxury sedan is once again outfitted with a 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine that cranks out 176 horsepower @ 5700 rpm and 163 pounds-feet of torque @ 5200 rpm. The battery-powered electric motor ups the total to 215 hp. It is mated to an ordinary continuous variable transmission. But drivers can pick the following modes: normal, eco, sport and EV. In the latter, the car can coast for half a mile at 25 mph on solely electric power. During deceleration and braking, the vehicle uses regenerative braking to apply much of the



ES300h (ULTRA LUX)
Tires: P235/45R18
Wheelbase: 113 inches
Length: 195.9 inches
Width: 73.4 inches
Height: 56.9 inches
Suspension: MacPherson strut front, trailing-arm multilink independent rear
Steering: electric rack and pinion
Fuel capacity: 13.2 gallons
Weight: 3,730 pounds
Base price: \$50,810
Price as tested: \$55,030
Web site: www.lexus.com

wasted energy toward recharging the hybrid battery.

The familiar Lexus spindle grille with stylish satin chrome trim is flanked by bi-LED headlights, while the blue tint in the emblem and the penciled hybrid on the rear doors are a giveaway. Step into the well-lit and airy cabin and you will quickly get cozy and comfy in the plush semi-aniline leather

seats. A mouse-like, easy-to-use Remote Touch enables the driver to toggle navigation, climate, audio and phone controls on the 12.3-inch touch screen. Also standard are dual auto a/c, driver information center, 14-way power driver and 10-way front-passenger heated/cooled seats, power moon roof, piano-black trim interior, 10-speaker Pioneer sound system and power rear sunshade with manual rear-door sunshades. The previous nickel-metal hybrid battery in the trunk has been replaced with lithium-ion and relocated to under the back seat, freeing up cargo capacity. That's now

16.7 cubic feet of space.

Positioned between the entry-level IS and the larger GS, the ES300h is a fun ride, responding with agility while saving you plenty of moolah at the pump. Zero to 60 is just 8.1 seconds with top speed at 112 mph. So, it's no slogger. Indeed, it is one of the smartest choices for any prospective midsize luxury sedan buyer.

GENESIS LAVISHES LUXURY, SAFETY ON ITS FIRST SUV: THE GV80

There's just no stopping Genesis. Ever since Hyundai launched the offshoot in 2015, enthusiastic reviews have followed. The G70, G80 and G90 sedans in the Genesis stable have been joined by the hot-selling luxury label's first SUV, the GV80. It provides more proof that quality, styling, design, and ease of use have been trademarks of Korean car builder's upmarket offshoot from Day One.

For our test drive, the all-wheel-drive GV80 was equipped with a beefy 3.5-liter twin-turbo V-6 engine cranking out 375 horsepower @ 5800 rpm, and 391 pounds-feet of torque @ 5800 rpm. A seamless 8-speed automatic transmission offers Comfort, Eco, Sport and Custom Drive modes. Its electronically controlled multilink suspension handles the bumps and thumps of realtime roads with little sacrifice. The motor-driven power steering is perfectly weighted and provides ample feedback.

Up front, the long hood of the handsome SUV meets all comers with a bold and mammoth crest grille topped by the winged emblem, and flanked by quad LED headlights.

Step inside and you'll discover a large 14.5-inch split-screen HD display for phone, nav and audio that can be controlled via a knob. Need to shift into park? The rotary dial selector is a handy touch.

To be sure, Genesis coddles the occupants with tri-zone auto a/c, 12-way front heated/cooled



GV80 (PRESTIGE)
Tires: P265/50R20
Wheelbase: 116.3 inches
Length: 194.7 inches
Width: 77.8 inches
Height: 67.5 inches
Weight: 4,907 pounds
Fuel capacity: 21.1 gallons
City: 18 mpg
Highway: 23 mpg
Base price: \$59,650
Price as tested: \$73,510
Web site: www.genesis.com

leather seats, along with and power tilt/telescopic steering column and tilt-and-slide sunroof, and a suede headliner. A 12.3-inch digital cluster helps the driver monitor systems. Matte-finished wood adds luxury to the center console, dash, and doors. A Lexicon sound system with 21 speakers tune out outdoor noise. Power rear window sunshades further add to the restful environment.

Safety is paramount for Genesis.

Four-wheel antilock brakes with electronic brake distribution and brake assist provide sure stop along with electronic stability and traction control system, front/rear parking sensors, smart cruise control, rearview camera, blind spot detection with rear cross-traffic alert, lane departure warning/

lane keep and forward collision avoid assists, tire pressure monitoring system and daytime running lights are standard.

Further wrapping the GV80's occupants in safety are a front center airbag — located between the driver's seat and center console, a first in its segment, dual front and side airbags, side curtain airbags and a driver knee airbag.

The extravagant GV80 is fitted out with a forceful power train, well-appointed and classy cabin, and numerous safety features. Hats off to Genesis for a job well done.

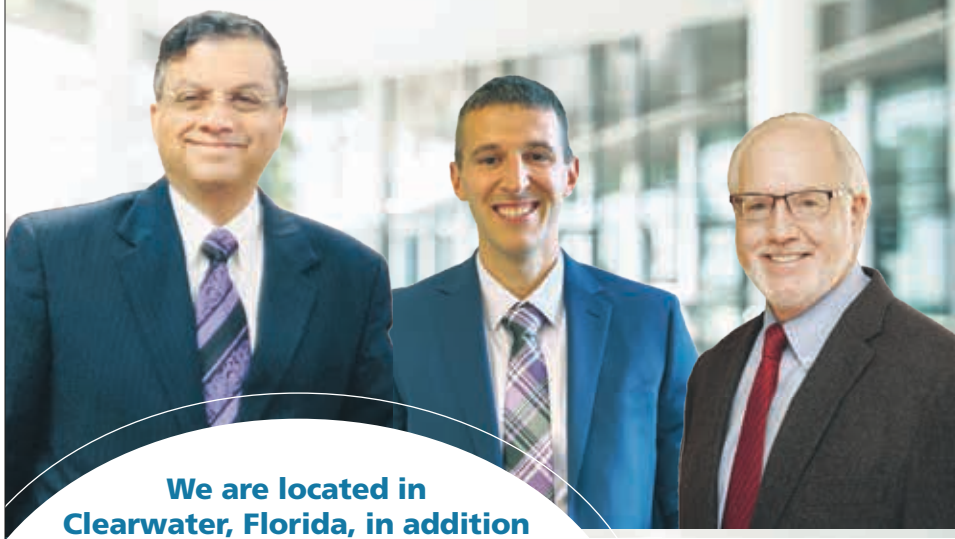
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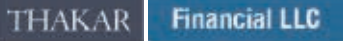
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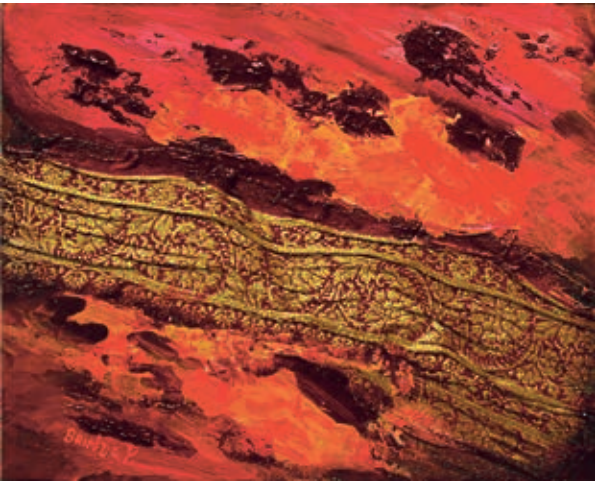
INSIDE CREATIVE VORTEX

By **BRINDA PAMULAPATI**

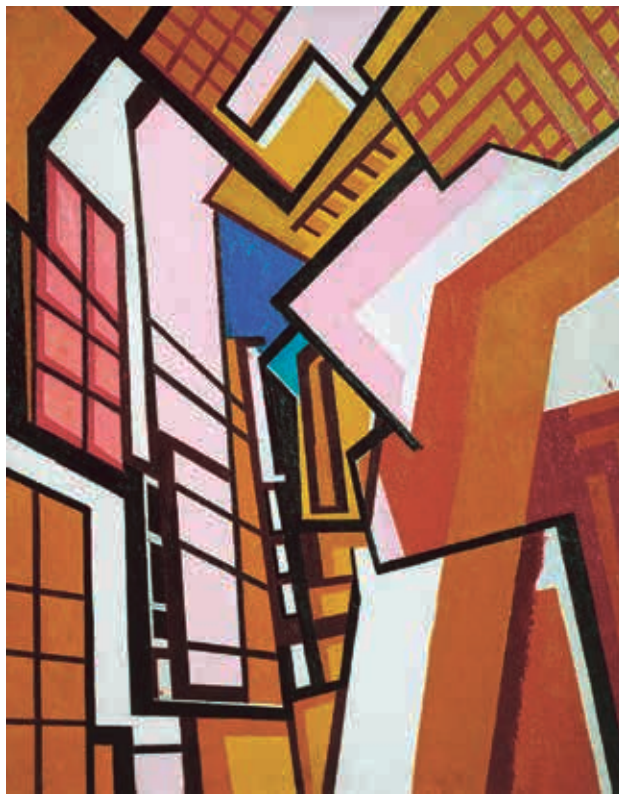


Artists seek inspiration for their paintings from a variety of sources, including immediate surroundings and imagination. Industrialized objects such as automobiles, high-rise buildings with hard edges, harsh lines, bold colors and sharp angles were a main inspiration for artists that were a part of

the Vorticism movement. The movement was an artistic reaction resulting from the increase in progress that was being witnessed in their culture. The artists' works were highlighting the happenings of their own urban environment. Vorticism was a short movement that lasted only for a few years, from 1914 to 1920, when World War I began and brought the movement to an end. Additionally, the undertaking was



Saree Series Peach by Brinda Pamulapati, 8 x 10 inches Mixed Media-Saree and acrylic on clay board



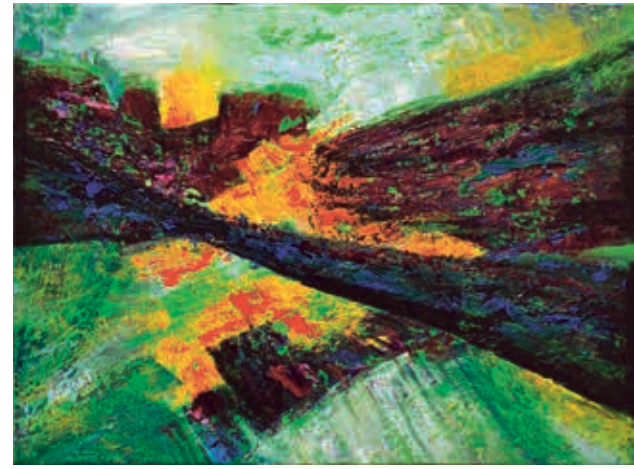
Wyndham Lewis, Workshop c. 1914-15 Image courtesy of tate.org.uk

emerging in Britain during the same time as Futurism was gaining popularity in Italy. Both movements found inspiration in the simple shapes of the industrialized cityscape and depicted the dynamism, energy and movement of modern life.

Vorticism was first founded by Wyndham Lewis, who focused on depicting the speed, movement, business and emotionlessness of urban life. He created complex geometrical figures that evoked both dynamism and stillness. Lewis was tired of what he saw as the pretensions of the British art

world and sought to pave a way for work that better reflected the modern and ever-changing world.

To me, Vorticism represents the energy of the artist after absorbing all the immediate visual scenes that we are presented with. This intake results in a passionate and creative blast of ideas filled with energy and movement that are translated onto the canvas. In my recent solo art exhibition, "Revitalization" at Venvi Art Gallery, my new abstract paintings were more inclined to this style of vorticism. Like the Vorticists' works,



Crossing the Bridge by Brinda Pamulapati, 18 x 24 inches Acrylic on canvas

they convey dynamic shapes and scenes but instead of the urban environment, they emerge from my imagination and the vortex of desire and knowledge inside. This internal and external creative process has resulted in a series aimed at breadth ranging from mixed media using Indian saree in abstract style to energetic abstractions.

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OCTOBER FORECAST

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ARIES / Mesha (Fire sign, ruling planet is Mars) - (March 21-April 20) Mars Sign – Stars covered Ashwini, Bharani, Krittika (1st Part) Let not your Martian temper overtake your calm posture. Some may tend to be rash at times and that may need to be kept under control. The influences of some transitory planets negative effects may adversely go against your interest, especially the house of spouse or matrimonial house. High expenses or arguments may not be ruled out.

TAURUS / Vrushabha (Earthen sign, ruling planet is Venus) - (April 21-May 21) Moon Sign - Stars covered Krittika (last 3 parts), Rohini, Mrigashira (first 2 parts)

Taurians, your sign lord is placed in a not so positive house. Constant bickering or arguments with spouse or partner is likely. Time and time again, some natives may have to constantly prove themselves with little recognition and trust. Venutian aspect upon your sign indicates success in new ventures. New responsibilities or assignments may come your way. Take care of health.

GEMINI / Mithuna (Air sign, ruling planet is Mercury) - (May 22-June 21) Moon Sign - Stars covered Mrigashira (last 2 parts), Ardra and Punarvasu (first 3 parts) Transitory effect of Mercury is favorable. Your sign lord is positively retrograded in the house of comfort and luxury and any related planned activity stands a good chance of meeting with success. The influence of remaining planets produces mixed results. For some, nephrology-related problems cannot be ruled out. Success in new undertakings is possible if one puts ideas into action.

CANCER / Kataka (Watery sign, ruling planet is Moon) - (June 22-July 22) Moon Sign – Stars covered Punarvasu (4th part), Pushya, Aslesha Lunar movement for Cancerians may prove to be quite gainful. Unexpected income gains are seen for some. Most planets look balanced and favorable. Fluidity is the nature of the Moon sign, especially when it is aspected by Venus. Attachments and bonding may grow and turn into permanent alliances and partnerships. Control over emotions, mind and matter is always helpful! Generally, one will be in a happy state of mind.

LEO / Simha (Fire sign, ruling planet is Sun) - (July 23-Aug. 22) Moon Sign – Stars covered Magha, Purva Phalguni, Uttara Phalguni (1st part) Word power will have full command. No forces can change or challenge

your view and standing. Family and social standings may rise further. Pending projects could pick up successfully. One finds triumph in all spheres. Majority of the planets are well-placed, however, happiness comes with a pinch of salt! Sun's debilitation mid-month may see one trying hard to prove themselves with comparatively less recognition for their work.

VIRGO / Kanya (Earthen sign, ruling planet is Mercury) - (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Moon Sign – Stars covered Uttara Phalguni (last 3 parts, Hasta, Chitra (first 2 parts) Retrograded Mercury, your sign lord, is transiting through with full powers, unimpeded and unafflicted. Major transiting planets are placed favorably, especially your own sign lord. Mercury being the sign of intellect may inspire new and creative ideas. Financially, this is a positive time for some with strong Mercury placement. However, flip side is not to get into trouble with law. Be skillful in actions and you will taste success.

LIBRA / Tula (Air sign, ruling planet is Venus) - (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Moon Sign – Stars covered Chitra (last 2 parts), Swati, Vishakha (first 3 parts) The transition of Venus, your sign lord, is promising. The remaining transits cannot be said to be in favour as much. Let your Venutian power take over. Fortune will shine, and health conditions will be satisfactory. Balancing lever is the symbolic representation of your sign and you would basically, long for justice in every aspect of your life. This month is highly encouraging for personal achievements, particularly, in finance and business. Domestic happiness, matrimonial and business alliances will be filling.

SCORPIO / Vruschika (Water sign, ruling planet is Mars) - (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Moon Sign – Stars covered Vishakha (4th part), Anuradha, Jyestha Family arrangement, financial improvements, domestic happiness are set to work positively. Social circle, new contacts may develop. Spiritual enlightenment and inspiration is the key to progress. Easy flow of money, additional sources of income and special gains in dealings are possible. Speculative gains can be seen. Transitory effect of Sun and Mars are highly beneficial.

SAGITTARIUS / Dhanush (Fire sign, ruling planet is Jupiter) - (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Moon Sign – Stars covered Moola, Purva Shada, Uttara Shada (first part) The transitory positions of Jupiter and other major planets are highly encouraging. Financially and professionally, promotion, increase in remuneration for furthering career is possible. One will self-promote through their own efforts and may even get a change of atmosphere in workplace. However, due care should be taken on the domestic front and personal health. Professional growth seems positive.

CAPRICORN / Makara (Earthen sign, ruling planet is Saturn) - (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Moon Sign – Stars covered Uttara Shada (last 3 parts) Shrivana, Dhanistha (first 2 parts) Saturn's positional strength in own house is a big blessing for the sign owners. Transits of almost all planets are highly congenial too. Put ideas into action, this is a great time as planetary graph looks positive. Fortune shines, professional progress, promotions are due to happen, real estate gains, are seen for some time to come. All well planned and constructive projects may pick up. Overall assessment shows a progressive month ahead with a cheerful note.

AQUARIUS / Kumbha (Air sign, ruling planet is Saturn) – (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Moon Sign-Stars covered: Dhanishta (last 2 parts) Satabhisha, Purva Bhadra Pada (1st 3 parts) Guard against stressful conditions, heavy work pressure and stressful journeys. Your sign Lord Saturn sits in own house, which negates negative currents. Transit of many planets weighs constructively. However, spousal or business alliances may be faced with high expenses and unfavorable conditions. Money may be spent on unnecessary things. Professionally, one may see new elevation in salary increases or change in work place.

PISCES / Meena (Water sign, ruling planet is Jupiter) - (Feb. 20-March 20) Moon Sign - Stars covered: Purva Bhadra Pada (last part) Uttara Bhadra Pada, Revathi The transit of many planets weighs favorably on finance, real estate gains and increase in income and new ventures. However, few planets may also produce some negative effect on health front. Time favors for implementing ideas into action. Due to transitory effects, rich benefits are expected, multiple sources of income are well marked, and unexpected gains can be anticipated. Healthcare is most important.

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- ✓ No age restrictions
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